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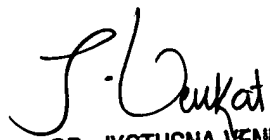
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The communication filed on 14 January 2002 is not fully responsive to the communication mailed 03 July 2001 because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

In response to the restriction requirement mailed on 03 July 2001, applicants have cancelled all pending claims and added new claims 26-53. Applicants have elected new claims 26-53 but these claims DO NOT correspond to any single group listed in the restriction requirement. Applicant has not elected from any of the six groups to which claims 1-25 were restricted. Applicant appears to argue that new claims 26-53 correspond to restriction Group II (claims 16 and 17), drawn to an array device. The new claims are drawn to: [1] a system for conducting a multiplexed array experiment, [2] a method of conducting a multiplex array experiment, and [3] a second system for conducting a multiplexed array experiment. Consequently, the election of the new claims does not satisfy the election/restriction requirement mailed 03 July 2001.

If a complete response has not been submitted by the expiration of the shortened statutory period for response of ONE MONTH or 30 DAYS from the mailing of this notice, whichever is longer, this application will become abandoned unless applicant corrects the deficiency and obtains an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136. In no case may an applicant extend the period for response beyond the six month statutory period.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Examiner Tomas Friend, Art Unit 1627, whose telephone number is (703) 308-4548. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jyothsna Venkat, can be reached at (703) 308-2439. The FAX phone number for group 1600 is (703) 308-4242. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Technology Center receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1235.


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